

**2022 Freedom Convoy
Support Demonstration
Operational Plan
District/Detachment**

SITUATION:

The RCMP D Division Tactical Support Group (TSG) has prepared the following in response to 'Freedom Convoy' support demonstrations as experienced in Ottawa, ON and across several Provinces throughout Canada. The Freedom Convoy support demonstrations are in support of the movement to end all mandates as a result of the Government of Canada's Covid response and related restrictions.

Several 'Freedom Convoy' support demonstrations have been established within the Province of Manitoba. This operational plan is specific to the demonstration at the Emerson Port of Entry on Highway #75 in Southern Manitoba within the Morris/Emerson RCMP Detachment area.

During the evening of February 9, 2022, several protestors established a demonstration that initially started as a 'slow roll' and then eventually blocked all traffic from traveling north or south on Highway #75. The obstructions consist of approximately 6 farm tractors with seeders and an attached shed, approx. 10 highway tractor/trailers, approximately 20-25 trucks with campers, snowmobiles and approximately 100 protestors.

- The demonstration has disrupted the movement of all vehicles and infrastructure on Highway #75 with the exception of livestock vehicles.
 - The RCMP has managed to facilitate the movement of vehicles transporting livestock thru the protest blockade.

MISSION:

The RCMP D Division Tactical Support Group is prepared to facilitate the peaceful demonstration of individuals involved in the 'Freedom Convoy' demonstration. As authorized, TSG will assist the Morris Detachment and Manitoba East District (MED) RCMP in the management of this demonstration with a measured strategy to ensure the safety of demonstrators, emergency response personnel and the general public.

When requested, the TSG will be placed on stand by and prepared to support the detachment in the event the planned demonstration becomes unmanageable. Duties may include but are not limited to the following:

- Provide an appropriate level of TSG response in support of the affected Detachment area
- Promote continuous dialogue in pursuit of a safe demonstration and peaceful resolution
- Ensure the detachment has engaged the Division Liaison Team (DLT) and maintains continuous dialogue with event organizers
- Support the detachment in response to a riotous and out of control crowd management situation

- Support the detachment in providing a safe environment in the removal of vehicles blocking the highway
- Adhere to the practices and policies of the Incident Command System and DEOC
- TSG will conduct duties in accordance with the Criminal Code of Canada, applicable RCMP Operational Manuals, policies/procedures, the RCMP Incident Management Intervention Model, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Provincial Legislation and other applicable statutes

EXECUTION:

When authorized, the RCMP D Division TSG will maintain an operationally prepared status and provide a measured response in either a Level I thru Level IV order of dress. The measured response will be consistent with the behavior and management of the Crowd dynamics at that particular time which is subject to change at any time. This measured response will be in consultation with Incident Commander, DEOC or the designated CIC. The response may include the following:

- QRT Response:
 - TSG members may respond in general duty uniform to assist in the management and security of the affected area
 - TSG members may be deployed in small sections via PC in the capacity of a QRT
 - The QRT will be prepared to maintain the peace, deploy in either level I or II and facilitate arrests as necessary
- Level IV Tactical Response:
 - The TSG may deploy as full troop and utilize a Motor Coach to a safe location in or near the vicinity of the identified area.
 - TSG members will respond in an appropriate level of dress congruent with the crowd dynamic which may include support from ERT, EMRT and PDS.
 - Authorization and deployment of the use of TSG munitions will be in consultation with the TSG OIC, the Incident Commander and consistent with appropriate training standards.
 - TSG may assist in preparation and planning of multiple arrest scenarios
 - Logistics
 - Detachments
 - Transport
 - Access to Counsel

HUMAN RESOURCES

A list of resources has been attached as Appendix 'A'

BRIEFINGS

If deployed, the D Division TSG will provide appropriate situational reports/briefings to the TSG OIC and Incident Commander / DEOC.

The D Division TSG will be provided with a copy of the Operational Plan.

AFTER ACTION REPORT

An after action report will be compiled by the TSG NCO i/c and forwarded to the TSG OIC and Incident Commander.

IMMEDIATE ACTION PLANS:

Maintain an appropriate Level of operational preparedness to respond in support of a request received from a detachment/district. If deployed, the TSG will provide an appropriate tactical response in support of the detachment in effort to maintain the peace and protection of the citizens of Manitoba.

ADMIN

If deployed, TAC members will utilize TEAM to claim any associated expenses in accordance with Treasury Board standards.

Any overtime and expenses incurred will be charged to the following:

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MEDICAL SUPPORT

If deployed, emergency medical support will be utilized with the traditional emergency / ambulance response system. RCMP D Division TSG Operations has a dedicated EMRT assigned to this deployment and will utilize any available EMS within the affected area on an as needed basis.

MEDIA LIAISON

Any media inquiries will be directed to the Division Media Relations Office.

LOGISTICS

Logistics will be managed within the TSG in consultation with tasks assigned by the Incident Commander, CIC and / or DEOC.

FINANCE

All costs will be managed within TEAM. Overtime and expenses will be allocated to the aforementioned cost center.

TRANSPORTATION

TSG Members will utilize police transport to and from their respective units to the identified staging site.

A QRT response will involve the appropriate use of police transport.

During a level IV deployment, the TSG will mobilize via 2 motor coach buses complete with a police escort as provided by D Division Traffic Services. If deployed, the TSG's support vehicles will be stocked with various munitions and will follow in support of the TSG driven by an armed TSG resource. ERT and PDS will be responsible for their own transport with their respective specialized equipment.

ACCOMMODATION PLAN

Accommodations will be arranged as required.

MEAL PLAN

Meals will be incurred as per current Treasury Board guidelines.

SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

COVID-19 – Masks have been procured for the D Division TSG and will be donned as directed.

COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS

- DEOC Incident Commander – TBD
- Tac OIC: Supt. Rob Lasson - s.37 [REDACTED]
- Tac II OIC: Insp. Kirk Badger – s.37 [REDACTED] 1
- Tac NCO i/c: S/Sgt. Milo Thompson – s.37 [REDACTED]
- Tac NCO : Sgt. Jason Vrooman – s.37 [REDACTED]
- Tac NCO: Sgt. Glen Binda – s.37 [REDACTED]
- Tac NCO : Sgt. Mike Carr – s.37 [REDACTED]
- - Radio Channel – TAC Mgt will utilize **Z7 TAC 01**
 - Portable radios will be provided to the Troop with Radio Tech assistance

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